

REMARKS

Claims 43, 44, 46-48, 50, 53, 54 and 92-95 are pending in the application. Claims 43, 44, 50, 53, 54 and 95 are allowed. Claims 46-48 and 92-94 are rejected.

Claims 43, 44 and 53 are objected to for minor informalities which have been corrected herein. In addition a typographical error in claim 92 has also been corrected.

Claim 94 have been amended to be a dependent claim to claim 92.

Claim 92 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Oouchi (US 5,282,203). Claims 93-94 and 46-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Oouchi in view of Gollub (previously cited).

It is respectfully submitted that claim 92 includes at least the distinguishing feature of an interface unit transforming the control information generated by the control processor into a format that can be processed by a switch and transmitting the control information to the intra-station device via the switch. The intra-station device, provided within this switch station, performing a communication operation according to the control information.

In the newly cited reference Oouchi, as shown in Fig. 2, a system is described which is equipped with a function in which the adaptation circuit 53a contained in the call controller 5 stores the control information generated by the processor 51 into a cell and transmits the cell toward the packet switch 1.

However the system is associated with performing all the information transmission from the call controller 5 to the packet-rate controller 3i via the control line 61 rather than via the packet switch 1. Thus Oouchi teaches the control line 61 instead of the packet switch in contrast to applicant's claimed features of "the control information being transmitted via a switch."


Oouchi, in column 5, describes the call processor 5 stores a message into a cell and outputs the cell via the packet switch 1. This description, however, is not meant to transmit the message to any unit within the same station ("intra-station device" according to applicant's claimed invention), but is meant to transmit to a disordered terminal via the output line 2j. Applicant's claims are different in transmitting the control information to the intra-station device via the switch. The intra-station device, provided within this switch station. Thus the feature described in col. 5 of Oouchi has nothing to do with the feature of the present claimed invention.

For at least the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested the rejection of claim 92 be withdrawn. Claims 46-48 and 93-94 depend from claim 92 and include at least the above described features in addition to other distinguishing features in each claim. The dependent claims are likewise in condition for allowance for at least the above reasons.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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